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I am enclosing for your information copies of an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Ray J. Harmlink of the United Presbyterian Church and Mr. Burks Murshall, Head of the Civil Rights Division.

Sincerely yours,

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Louis F. Cherdorfer Assistant Attorney Constal Honorable Robert F. Kennedy United States Attorney General Washington, D.C. July 6, 1963

After we have reviewed the contents of your letter and report on the White House Meeting at the Bar Association meeting, I shall immediately advise you of the response of the lawyers of this State.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Messrs. Harrison Tweed and Bernard G. Segal with an offer to be of such assistance as may be desired.

Respectfully yours,

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July 6, 1963

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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy United States Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Thank you for your letter of June 28th. The lawyers of this State were honored by your request that a representative of the West Virginia Bar Association attend the President's conference with representatives of legal groups throughout the country.

Since the meeting I have had the opportunity to review the items discussed with several members of the Executive Council of the Association and they have indicated a willingness to assist in accomplishing the goals outlined in your letter. The matter will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on August 29th and 30th.

With reference to some of the questions raised in your letter, a few observations might be in order. There has been a public awareness of the problem in West Virginia for many years. As a consequence, desegregation of public facilities has followed an orderly course. This is not to say that improvements cannot be made and are not needed. In West Virginia, Governor Barron, by his executive orders, has assisted greatly. Judge Meredith, Judge of the Circuit Court of Marion County, West Virginia, has by Court Order entered approximately two years ago, made sure that the schools in this area were completely desegregated. From time to time leaders of the community have met with spokesmen for our Negro residents and problems raised by them have been solved by agreement of the parties interested.

At this time we do not feel that the formation of a bi-racial committee is necessary or wise, for it might provoke problems which actually do not exist. Community leaders are aware of the need for coordination of efforts and will constantly seek to find proper solutions before any overt action is taken.

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Door Mr. Hardacky:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 6.

We are glad to learn that the question of the languar's role in this important area will be discussed at your annual meeting in August. We hope that you will keep us advised of developments.

I was pleased to receive an informative letter of July 12 from Mr. Occar J. Agire, the President of the West Virginia State Bar. I am desply approximative of the attention which your Association is devoting to this critical problem.

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Mr. Robert F. Kennedy Page #2 July 13, 1963

Although I am very much in sympathy with your objectives and applaud your efforts, I am not sure there is much that I can do personally to help. By neither background nor temperament am I well suited for this sort of thing. However, I will continue to consider the subject, and if I find I can do anything useful along the lines suggested in your letter I will certainly do it.

Sincerely, MMHHAAAAAAA

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July 13, 1963

Mr. Robert F. Kennedy Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:



Re: Race-Relations Meeting at White House of June 21

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of June 28, which was due to my absence from the office for several days.

I am sure I need not tell you that there is a race-relations problem in Chicago, as there is in nearly every large city. Nor do I believe that I can add much to your information about the nature of the problem or what can be done about it. However, I will make a few comments.

The discrimination here is the result of public attitudes and prejudices. These itudes and prejudices will eventually change, of course; but they will change slowly. The way to speed up the change is to improve the education, and economic condition of the negro citizens, and perhaps their political power — although in Chicago that is already considerable. What the negroes need and lack in the north is not legal equality, which I believe they already have, but social acceptance; and such acceptance can be obtained for them only slowly and gradually, through such things as education, exhortation and example. And they themselves, of course, can help (or hurt) their cause by their own behavior.

William H. Hadded, Regains Bell, Boyd, Lloyd, Badded & Russes 135 South Labelle Street Chicago 3, Illinois

Door Mr. Maddal:

Thank you for your letter of July 13.

We appreciate your offer of assistance on this problem of astional concern. In view of your interest, we hope that you will content Mr. Marrison Tweed or Mr. Bernard Segal with regard to serving on the Language Committee for Civil Rights under Lan.

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Mr. Robert Kennedy Attorney General Department of Justice Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of June 28, 1963. I am hopeful that the legal profession in Cleve and will cooperate in bringing about the voluntary elimination of discrimination to which you and the President have referred. There is a race-relations problem in Cleveland primarily in the employment and housing fields. The latter produces a substantial degree of natural segregation. Great strides have been made in the employment area and I am hopeful progress in this area can be accelerated. Progress in the housing area is difficult, but I am hopeful that here too we can see gradual improvement. There seems an increasing awareness in Cleveland of the problem and of the necessity for more rapid action than has taken place in the past. It seems particularly important to me that the lawyers participate in voluntary efforts so that their proper role of disapproving and discouraging unlawful acts will not be misinterpreted or unduly resented.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Harrison Tweed
Mr. Bernard F. Segal

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Dear Mr. Dufts

Thank you for your letter of July 9.

We appreciate your informing us of the race relations situation in Cleveland. We share with you the desire for more affirmative landorship by the ambers of the ber towed the estimatory solution of this problem of national conserm.

We hope that you will keep we advised of the developments in Cleveland and let we know if we can be of assistance to you in this matter.

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July 12, 1963

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Attorney General Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 28th. It was an honor to be invited to the White House conference of lawyers. I have written to Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal offering my services on the action committee that is being formed, and will cooperate locally in the various avenues you mentioned to the extent of my ability. You have asked me to write you directly in answer to certain questions about race relations in my community. From certain areas of the country I am sure this will be a valuable source of information, but I think there is little or nothing I could add to what you already know about the situation in this city of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Glenn R. Winters

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cc: Bernard G. Segal, Esq. Harrison Tweed, Esq.



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Dear Mr. Minteres

Thank you for your letter of July 12.

We were glad to learn of your offer of assistance to the Languer' Consistes of Mesers. Twod and Segal, and appreciate your efforts toward the solution of this problem of national concern.

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and done some work on it. For example, many of the Bar Associations in the New York City area have civil rights committees which have done some good work in this field. Recently, as a result of the meeting the President called at the White House on June 21, Messrs. Herbert Brownell and Harrison Tweed have formed a special committee of the Bar Association of the City of New York to work out some precise ways for the New York City Bar to help solve the problem of discrimination in the New York City area. I have agreed to be a member of this group and will do everything I can to see that its activities are effective.

It was a pleasure seeing you on June 21.

Very sincerely yours

SAMUEL R. PIERCE JR.

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July 9, 1963

Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Your letter dated June 28, 1963 has been received. I shall be most happy to participate in any program in the New York City area which will further the cause of human dignity.

As you know, there are significant problems involving civil rights and civil liberties in every area of the Country. In the New York City area, practices of segregation and ciscrimination are much more subtle than they are in the South. Nontheless, they do exist. In New York segregation in the use of public facilities is virtually non-existent. However, there is discrimination in employment and housing. Steps are continually being taken to remedy the situation, but there is still a great deal to be done.

There are many groups in the New York City community working on the problem of discrimination. Although New York City lawyers have not done as much as they probably could and should have done in this area, they have recognized the problem



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Door Mr. Pleases

Thank you for your letter of July 9,

We are glad to learn of your participation in the New York special countities formed by Mesers. Brownil and Eucod, as well as the Languare' Countities for Civil Rights under Law. We appeaciate your efforts toward the estimateory solution of this problem of national consern.

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Attorney Consent.

We have found, much to our embarrassment, an unfortunate situation existing in the local Dallas Bar Association. Negroes have not been admitted to the Dallas Bar, although they are, of course, members of the State Bar which is an integrated bar. Talbot Rain, who was with me at the President's conference, and I will be working on the Dallas Bar Association situation with the directors and membership committee over the next several weeks.

Again, let me say that if I can be of any assistance at any time, do not he sitate to call on me.

Yours respectfully,

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July 10, 1963

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Honorable Robert Kennedy Attorney General of the United States Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

I have and thank you for your letter of June 28, 1963 respecting the meeting we had with the President on the lawyers' responsibilities in the field of civil rights.

While I must confess that on a number of issues I have found myself in disagreement with you, your observations at the meeting the other Friday met with my whole-hearted support, and, frankly, I was appalled at the response of the lawyers present. I considered the President's remarks, the observations of the Vice President and your detailed statement to be totally nonpartisan, objective and pitched on a high moral plane. The response of Sylvester Smith that the ABA was going to appoint a committee to study the problem was a totally inadequate response, and the partisan efforts of the other individuals to make position statements seemed to me to misconceive the purpose of the meeting and the response called for. I therefore feel doubly obligated to render any service I can on behalf of the cause.

You have perhaps seen the statement made by the southern university law school deans and faculty members which was released for publication over the week end. We were able to get literally one hundred percent participation of our faculty members who were on campus at the time we received the proposed statement from Elliott Cheatham at Vanderbilt. The statement received good publicity in the Sunday Times Herald and I think the reaction has been favorable.

Since you and Mr. Marshall already know of the activities of C. A. Tatum and the Committee of 14 in Dallas, I will not go into that in great detail other than to say that I shall be working closely with Tatum. When I reported to him on our meeting with the President, he informed me that the Dallas Restaurant Association had just agreed to integrate, and that covers 900-odd of the 1200-odd eating places in the city.

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Thank you for your latter of July 10.

You know how important to the estimatory solution of this problem is the efficientive leadership, which your action illustrates, of the numbers of the her in the Southern states. We are extremely grateful.

We hope that you will keep us afvised and let us know if we can be of assistance to you in this matter.

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July 16, 1963

The Honorable Robert M. Kennedy The Attorney General Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

TORNEY GE' ES Thank you for your letter of June 28th referring to the meeting of lawyers at the White House on June 21st. I am quite pleased to have in writing a summary of the eight points made by the President and yourself at that meeting.

Our Bar Association has now activated a committee on civil rights which will meet forthwith. I am hopeful that the committee may consider, as a recommendation to the Association as a whole, a strong resolution on civil rights.

I personally went to the office of our Mayor, Arthur Naftalin, to find that he is taking forward steps in connection with the race relations problem.

In Minnesota there is not a race relations problem in the same sense that there is in the South or even in some of the major cities such as Chicago and New York. Our Mayor, as I have indicated, is working diligently on a forward looking program and I would hope to be able to respond to the questions on page three of your letter within a brief period, both as to what is transpiring in a governmental way and as to what action our Bar Association will be able to take by way of assistance.

I thought the meeting at the White House was very successful and I felt privileged to be in attendance. I shall advise more fully later.

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Door Mr. Beville:

1963. Thenk you for your letter of July 16,

We were very glad to learn that the Minnesote State for Association has estated a consider on civil rigide, for we believe that the leadership of the legal profession is essential to the schimbertory solution of the race relations problem.

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Dear Mr. Shestack:

The Attorney General's letter of June 28, 1968, addressed to Mr. Wiley A. Branton at 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia, has been returned marked "Addressee Unknown."

Mr. Branton attended the White Mouse conference and I understand is associated with the Anti-Defaunties League.

If you have a current address for Mr. Brenton, please let us have it so we may forward the Attorney General's letter.

Sincerely yours,

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July 17, 1963

TO MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COUNCIL:-

I am attaching a mamorandum covering the meeting at The White House on July 11, 1963, at which approximately 70 of you were present.

In transmission I would point out the racial problem is a serious one. It does or can involve every business and community as well as the country, and its resolution is urgent.

In the meeting, the President suggested three specific things of the Business Council members. The items relating to education, training, dropouts and opportunity for employment are things which each of us according to our own circumstances has to face up to on his own. The opportunity to participate and exert a constructive influence, of course, is there for each one of us. These matters can be kept alive as subjects of importance in our meetings, at which time exchange of emperiences, constructive ideas and accomplishments can be had. Out of this, a sound basis of information and counsel with the Government can be developed and carried forward where needed through our regular channels.

The matter of legislation is a matter for Congress and the Administration. All the Council can and should do on this is to remind those who were present at the meeting of the President's

request and to call the matter to the attention of those who were not there. Your response and action will depend on your own study and judgment of the legislation.

This is being sent along at this time in order that you may have the material available for whatever use you may wish to make of it.

The Liaison Group for the White House - Messrs. Thomas J. Watson, Jr., Chief; Henry Ford II; Juan T. Trippe; as well as myself - will keep this before us as a matter for active discussion with the White House and the various departments of the Government concerned.

Sincerely,

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This memorandum covers a meeting at the White House which was held on July 11, 1963 to which all Active and Graduate members were invited. The meeting was attended by approximately 70 people, and this memorandum will serve as a reminder to them and as a source of information to those who were unable to attend.

The meeting was announced as private. There were no press releases other than the minimum statement which I made to the press after the meeting broke up, and it was the consensus that this was all that should be said for publication.

The President conducted the meeting, and he was assisted by the Vice President, the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, each of whom presented specific phases of the integration and racial problem. The presentations were directed to members of the Council as businessmen, as leaders in their respective communities, and as employers. The President pointed out that the problem had become critical and must be dealt with directly if the situation is to be kept within bounds. This requires the attention, cooperation, and action by every responsible citizen. Clear evidence exists that the problem is being exploited abroad and has serious implications in our international relations. He further stated that it was evident to all what was happening on the home front and how damaging the situation had become.

The speakers commented favorably on the role the businessman had been pursuing in this critical situation and cited instances where there was increased utilization of Negroes and where considerable effort and expense had been made by business to train them. The Vice President particularly pointed out that there were approximately one million unemployed Negroes (25% of the total unemployed), many

of whom had no skill or training to offer the employer. This condition was growing and was being aggravated by the migration from the South to the North, and the already high dropouts from school. The combination of these factors continued to swell the relief rolls and add to an already heavy welfare payment. If a way could be found to put some of these unemployed Negroes to work, it would relieve the heavy dollar outgo for welfare and at the same time bring about a long-range advance in helping society in general to be more self-supporting and self-respecting. He therefore urged that special emphasis be given to the school dropouts, to out-of-hour training and the advancement of any program which would make them more capable of self-support through employment.

The Attorney General outlined in a general way the legislation that had been presented for Congressional action. He felt that the key to the demonstrations, the riots and other serious situations that had been constantly developing is based more than anything else on the claim by the Negroes that their race is being insulted because of their inability to gain access and utilization to public facilities or business establishments, such as hotels, restaurants and department stores. This one single thing, he felt, more than any other is behind the emotion and elements of radicalism that get support from both Negro and white people for demonstrations and sit-ins. While substantial progress has been made and is being made to open these facilities in both northern and southern States, nevertheless there have been enough individual cases of refusals which keep the pot boiling. It was because of this that he felt Federal legislation was required. He further pointed out that in 31 States more stringent laws were now in effect than those which were contained in the bills

which had been sent for Congressional action. He further thought that what had been proposed was the minimum that would be required to overcome the obstacles to getting people off the streets and the situation under control.

- After a general discussion, the President pointed up the whole situation as he saw it, making the following suggestions:
- 1. That each member of the Council take a hard, personal look at the employment situation in their respective companies. That, while there had been a great deal of help and cooperation and progress made by many companies, more was necessary because the situation had become so critical. He hoped that the group individually would make sure that they were satisfied that everything possible was being done consistent with the individual circumstances. It was equal opportunity that was involved, and he did not want action that would discriminate against the employment of whites but he felt that in some circumstances business would be justified in going out and finding qualified Negroes in order to get programs started and established. Further, he hoped that the members of the Council could help in a major way by undertaking programs of training and equipping people now unemployed for lack of capability to become employable.
- 2. That businessmen contemplating moving or establishing operations in the South be especially active and helpful in the correction of the basic problem and use their employment opportunities to good effect whenever they could. He realized, he said, that the South has unusual problems and is not going

to change too rapidly but progress has been made and that businessmen bringing new opportunities can be extremely helpful.

3. He asked that each member of our group review the proposed legislation, consider it carefully and lend his aid and support if he is in agreement with it. If, on the other hand, our study of the legislation indicates that we have better ideas or suggestions, he would like to have them. Lut in studying the legislation, we should consider what might happen if Congress failed to enact any legislation. He believed that legislation or some legal solution was going to have to come if not this year, then next or some future year, and that unless the emotion that is now behind the demonstrations is relieved fairly soon any real long-range solution is going to be increasingly difficult and less satisfactory.

He hoped that the Council members would find ways to be helpful and that as individuals they would enter into a constructive effort in communities where they operate and encourage other business people to whatever extent possible in bringing about progress and a solution to this critical integration problem.

For nearly an hour the members present then entered into a general discussion with the President and his confreres, raising various questions and stating their point of view. After this discussion, the President expressed the hope that I, as Chairman of The Business Council, would find a way to keep this matter before the Council membership and enlist their cooperation as well as advice and counsel to the Government. As Chairman of the Council, I stated that there was no question about the

President that each individual member as an employer, as a citizen, as a leader would as an individual play as constructive a part as his own particular situation would permit. At the same time I stated that the President knows The Business Council does not take a position as such on legislation nor does it undertake to represent a point of view of its members as such. Further, that I, as Chairman of the Council, would undertake to find a way to keep the problem before the membership and The Business Council advice and counsel to the Government would be available as it was in other matters.

### Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

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July 18, 1963

To Members of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law:

There has been splendid response from lawyers throughout the nation who have volunteered to serve on the Lawyers' Committee.

We are enclosing a list of the Committee's members as of this date and also a copy of a recent press release that we issued. On the list of members, we have tried to include a brief reference to a current or recent affiliation of each member with the organized bar or public office. Any corrections or needed additions to such references would be appreciated. would also be helpful if each member would send us a biographical data sheet.

The Committee is in the process of organizing an executive committee and establishing subcommittees in the various areas of the Committee's work which we described in our letter of July 1. There has been a great deal of activity since the President's Conference by Committee members who have been working to relieve tensions in local communities and who have been cooperating with state and local bar associations in forming biracial committees and in seeking solutions to problems in the civil rights area. Within the following week we hope to send you a full report of the Committee's activities until now, and an outline of the Committee's plans for the future.

In the meantime, we would very much appreciate your continuing to report on local developments.

Sincerely yours.

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Harrison Tweed

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#### PRESS RELEASE - July 10, 1963

Leading members of the Bar throughout the nation, both white and Negro, have volunteered their services for the newly organized Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law, according to an announcement by Harrison Tweed and Bernard G. Segal, Co-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee was formed at the request of President
Kennedy at a White House Conference of lawyers on June 21, at
which the President stressed the contribution which the nation's
lawyers could make towards assuring that all citizens enjoy
equal rights under law. At that Conference the President asked
Messrs. Segal and Tweed to assume the Co-Chairmanship of the
Lawyers' Committee.

Among the lawyers who have volunteered to serve on the Committee are 5 past Presidents of the American Bar Association, the Presidents of the State Bar Associations of 12 states, 4 members of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association, 3 officials of the N.A.A.C.P. and its legal Defense Committee, the Deans of 12 law schools, the President of Howard University, the President and past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, the President and Director of the American Law Institute, 5 members of the Executive Coun-

cil of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association, Officers of the American Judicature Society, and many other leaders of the organized bar.

The Co-Chairmen of the Committee stated that the Committee plans to stimulate, supervise and participate in various activities helpful to a solution of the problems in the field of civil rights under law, for which lawyers are especially qualified to take the lead. The Committee will serve as a liaison between the government and the legal professions as problems develop. It will also serve as a central agency to which lawyers of the country can report situations as they arise and make suggestions so that, where possible, action can be secured. In conducting its activities the Co-Chairmen stated that the Committee would seek the cooperation of the American Bar Association and state and local bar associations.

Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal reported that Committee members have already played a prominent role in stimulating action on the part of the organized bar in the civil rights area, including the formation of bi-racial committees of lawyers. The Committee Co-Chairmen noted the following recent examples:

The State Bar Association of New Hampshire adopted a resolution offered by its President, Joseph A. Millimet of Manchester, New Hampshire, which called upon the members of

the Association to volunteer their services as counsel in cases of a claimed violation of civil rights where local counsel in the Southern states were not available.

In New York, yesterday, Herbert Brownell, President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York appointed a bi-racial Committee on Civil Rights headed by Judge Francis E. Rivers, of the Civil Court of the City of New York.

In North Carolina, the constitution of the charter of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Bar Association was amended to admit every attorney to the business and social membership regardless of race or color.

In Birmingham, Alabama, members of the Committee have asked the President of the Birmingham Bar Association to take steps enabling Negroes to become members of that Association.

In California, William P. Gray, President of the California Bar Association, and a member of the Lawyers' Committee, held a meeting this week with the leaders of 101 California bar associations for the purpose of working together in the solution of civil rights in local communities.

In New Jersey, the President of the New Jersey Bar Association, Walter Leichter, will meet on July 12 with the

President of the 21 County Bar Associations in New Jersey to explore ways in which lawyers can be helpful in the civil rights area.

In North Carolina, California, and Ohio, resolutions have been adopted within the past two weeks, by state or county bar associations establishing bi-racial committees to work in the civil rights area. In a number of other states Committee members are taking the initiative in proposing the formation of bi-racial committees.

Mr. Tweed and Mr. Segal stated that the excellent response from lawyers throughout the nation indicated a most encouraging beginning for the Committee's work.

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